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UNEDUCATED EMIGRANTS AS LABOURERS IN GULF
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Emigration Authorities at Thiruvananthapuram International Airport have stumbled upon an inter state racket involving recruitment agents who used forged emigration clearance seals to send uneducated emigrants as labourers to the Gulf;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some corrupt officials of Protector of Emigrants officials in Kerala and Tamil Nadu are involved therein;

(d) if so, whether any inquiry has been conducted in this regard;

(e) if so, the outcome thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the steps proposed for checking these activities and action taken against culprits?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SIS RAM OLA)

(a) to (f): The Immigration Authorities of Thiruvananthapuram Airport have detected five emigration clearance forgery cases in May, 2004 and in this regard cases have been registered at Valiyathura Police Station, Thiruvananthapuram. After that, one more case has been detected. These cases are being investigated by the Crime Branch (CBCID), Thiruvananthapuram.